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1. Per your instructions, the following questions and comments on the [REDACTED] plan are submitted:

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- a. Is it intended, as implied in the 24 June [REDACTED] 25X1A9a memo, that the [REDACTED] exercise focus exclusively on problems of intelligence production that relate to support of OCI reporting and ONE estimates? In other words, are there to be any tasks concerned with production in support of DD/P-military operations (U/W, E and E, agent activities)?
 - b. On the face of it, para. 3c would seem to state a J-3 rather than a J-2 problem. Is it intended that the exercise participants actually select the optimum location, or rather that they advise on the respective merits of several possible locations that are made known to them? The last approach is more realistic, since a War Plan covering hostilities with the USSR can be assumed to exist. It is recommended that the problem take the form of an analysis of several locations which are pre-selected.
 - c. Instructions covering the determination of an optimum location for an invasion should include:
 - 1) Time of year
 - 2) Tactical and strategic objectives
 - 3) Nature of the contemplated invasion -- by sea, ground, air, or a combination of these. Any paramilitary role?
 - 4) Assumptions relating to accessibility through neutral nations (Iran, Afghanistan, Turkey, Finland)
 - 5) Technical characteristics of equipment as related to operational limitations (i.e., required bearing capacity of roads and bridges, temperature requirements, terrain requirements)

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- d. Will the overall problem include intelligence production related to Europe? The fact that the USSR is assumed to have launched a conventional invasion "on several European fronts" would seem to imply a necessity for coverage of this scene, whatever its status following the nuclear exchange.
- e. In what form will reports and maps be prepared? Will separate geographic intelligence reports be prepared, or will personnel be mainly utilized as components of teams which prepare evaluative summaries and estimates?

2. As we have discussed, the exercise appears to apply to the GRA somewhat artificially. This situation follows inevitably from the apparent limitations of the problem to the USSR and the absence of practice coordination with the DD/P and the military services. In the one case, we are prevented from exercising our normal world-wide responsibilities. In the other case, we are restrained from performing certain major GRA wartime functions (clandestine and unconventional operations support), and are assigned other functions that would normally be handled by or with engineer intelligence personnel of the military services. I mention these conditions because they bear on the number of GRA personnel who could actually participate usefully in [REDACTED]. I would recommend that the complement from D/GG consist of no more than four (4) persons, unless the answer to question d. (Europe) is "no"; in such case, the complement can be reduced to three (3) persons.

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